

Ramona Town Center Workshop Tuesday September 5, 2004

Circulation Table Discussion

Issues To Discuss:

- 1) Mini-bypass and Southern bypass Location
- 2) Road Connectivity (Ramona Road Master Plan) and Community Parking Lots

The discussion began w/the *location of the mini-bypass*:

- ***The planned mini bypass should be extended to Etcheverry Street on the south and to Fifth Street on the north along A and D Streets to allow for full use of bypass concept for the entire downtown area;***
- The Southern bypass is a priority! Group expressed concern that County look at the big picture. The mini-bypass ***will not be sufficient to redirect traffic from the town center without the construction of a southern bypass. Therefore,*** the mini-bypass cannot be constructed without a discussion of the location and importance of a southern by-pass, ***and a commitment to build the southern by-pass.*** It was generally understood and expressed by the group, and reiterated by staff, that the mini bypass and the southern bypass must work together in order to build a real downtown that is walkable and user friendly. Group outlined how both should work together (the southern bypass could eventually become a new 'hwy 67');
- It was felt by the group that it is difficult to determine what buildings or other features should be protected that may be located on corners potentially affected by the bypass without having a field inspection of the area.

Discussed some *bypass issues of concern*:

- Additional circulation loads bring problems w/ noise
- ***Conflicts with regional transportation needs ???***
- Parking is a problem
- Redlands in Riverside should be used as an example

Discussion of *desired amenities in conjunction w/ the mini-bypass*:

- Construction of parking garage facilities on the corner of State Highway 67 and Kallbaugh Street as well as in the vicinity of State Highway 67 and 13th Streets;
- Provision of mini-buses from parking areas to the downtown area and the potential removal of Highway 67 street parking in the downtown area to allow for larger sidewalk construction and tree planting ***to augment historic eucalyptus colonnade, which would be preserved;*** and
- Construction of a southern bypass along the Dye Road corridor and extension to Highway 78 in the vicinity of Magnolia Street. .

The circulation group also discussed several important issues related to *effective circulation within Ramona*:

- Several individuals commented on the biggest problem with circulation is the County of San Diego's inability to share funds w/ SANDAG and CALTRANS and that the Department of Public Works needs to coordinate better with CALTRANS to plan and fund the Southern bypass
- The group requested that the County of San Diego Department of Planning and Land Use provide a large, more detailed map of the southern bypass for the next Ramona Town Center Workshop meeting (scheduled for October 20th).
- Group recommended that it would be helpful for staff to provide information to interested individuals as to past progress made regarding the southern bypass in upcoming working meetings.